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SUPPLEMENTAL  
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The patents and/or publications listed on the enclosed PTO Form-1449 are submitted pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98. Copies of the patents or publications are enclosed as necessary.

Submitted herewith is a copy of the Official Search Report of the European Patent Office in counterpart foreign application No. PCT/FR 01 02711. Copies of the art cited therein are either enclosed herewith or were already cited in the Invention Disclosure Statement filed on December 14, 2001.



### TIME OF FILING

This information disclosure statement is being filed:

- 1. with the application or within three months of the filing date of the application or date of entry into the national stage of an international application or, to the best of the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, whichever event occurs last. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), no certification or fee is required.
- 2. after the time period specified in paragraph 1 above, but, to the best of the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a final action under 37 CFR §1.113 or notice of allowance under 37 CFR §1.311. Therefore, in accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(c), submitted herewith is:  
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  - A.  a certification as specified in 37 CFR §1.97(e).
  - B.  the fee set forth in 37 CFR §1.17(p) for submission of an information disclosure statement under 37 CFR §1.97(c).
- 3. after the mailing date of either a final action under 37 CFR §1.113 or a notice of allowance under 37 CFR §1.311, whichever occurs first, but before payment of the issue fee. Therefore, Applicant submits herewith:
  - A. a certification as specified in 37 CFR §1.97(e);
  - B. the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR §1.17(i); and
  - C. the accompanying petition under 37 CFR §1.97(d).

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### **PETITION**

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Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d) that this Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449, and document(s) identified therein be considered.

### **PRIOR AND RELATED APPLICATIONS**

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(d), copies of the patents and publications listed on the enclosed PTO Form-1449 are not provided because the patents and publications were previously cited by, or submitted to, the Patent Office in a prior application that Applicant(s) rely upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120. Documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 were cited by, or submitted to, the examiner of the following patent application(s):

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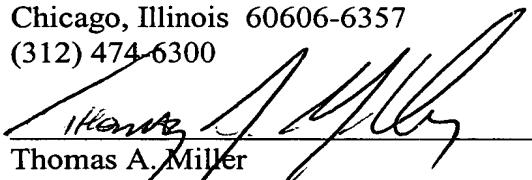
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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-2855. A copy of this paper is enclosed.

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